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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending in the application. None of the claims are being amended. Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Axberg et al. (U.S. patent No. 6,253,240) in view of Shank et al. (U.S. patent No. 6,145,028). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the following arguments.